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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1990 AT 10:30 A.M. IN H-662 OF THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Nick Woollard, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COMMERCE

Karen Cox
Thomas Dowd (10:48 a.m.)
Jennifer Kalman
Katherine Kruse
Manar Mansour

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Sandra Branker
Anne Marie Clarke
Ariel Deluy
Hernani Farias
Bishara Hilal
David Schwalb
Melodie Sullivan

FINE ARTS

George Liem

ENGINEERING

Jarno Makkonen
Duen Lup Tsui

ABSENT

Arts and Science: Stuart Letovsky, Tammy Powell, Ra'ad Ra'ad
Commerce: Michael Drolet

3. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chair, Nick Woollard said that he is stepping in for Ian St. Maurice, who is unable to attend. There were no objections to this issue.

The Chair said that this meeting was called to discuss article 4. of the agenda and that the movers for this motion are D. Schwalb and H. Farias. He also said that this meeting was called by H. Farias, B. Hilal and D. Schwalb.

D. Schwalb said that the amendment to the constitution sums up the question as to the legality of the Board of Directors. He also said that a 2/3 vote of the sitting Board is required to pass this motion.

M. Sullivan asked to know if this implies that decisions rendered will be considered null and void. H. Farias said that as of April 1st, 1990 and on, decisions can be challenged and that house cleaning is in order so as to clear ambiguities.

J. Makkonen said that the problem with this wording is that it does not have a minimum number. He also proposed adding in "no more than 30 and no less than 15" as to avoid student apathy.

A. Deluy said that instead of including a "minimum or maximum" it should read " no more than 30 seats."

The Chair reads article 5.2.1. and 5.2.2. of the Constitution.

H. Farias said that he would like to see the 'person' separated from the seats or positions. He proposed removing "members" to "seats". He laso said that "minimum" is worded in 5.2.1.

Whereas the Board of Directors feels that there is some degree of ambiguity concerning Article 5.2.2. of CUSA's constitution; and

Whereas the wording might be misinterpreted

Be It Resolved That Article 5.2.2. be amended to read "The Board shall consist of 30 seats.";

Be It Further Resolved That this amendment be put to a refendum of the student body at the upcoming by-elections.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND UNANIMOUS

T. Dowd said that he would like to see the remainder of 5.2.2. added on to this motion, that is until "after seats." There were no objections to this issue.

T. Dowd said that the Constitution is full of holes. He also said that since the Board doesn't constitute 30 now, what will be the outcome of this in getting it to a vote, if Judicial Board confirms illegalities of the Board's functioning. Thomas also said that, in accordance with Article 5.2.1. of the Constitution, the Board currently has 2 seats from each faculty and only one from Fine Arts.

H. Farias proposed to change this as well at this meeting.

D. Schwalb said that he sought a legal opinion outside of CUSA and that in order to amend the Constitution a 2/3 vote of the sitting directors is required.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: J. Makkonen
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION UNANIMOUS

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5. QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. D' Orazio asked to know why T. Powell and S. Letovsky are not present. He also asked to know if they were informed of this meeting 72 hours in advance. H. Farias replied that this meeting was called by D. Schwalb, B. Hilal and himself. The Chair said that if F. D' Orazio would like an answer, then he should speak to T. Powell and S. Letovsky.

F. D' Orazio asked to know when it was decided to have this amendment put to referendum. H. Farias replied that this was decided at the last meeting and this is significant enough to warrant a referendum.

6. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that it would be best to change the time and date of the Board meetings to Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m., so as to accomodate more directors' schedules.

7. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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Nick Woollard, Chairperson

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Michael Spowart, Secretary